

Council – 2nd July 2007

Freedom of the Borough - The Staffordshire Regiment

Summary of report

This report requests the Council to re-affirm the Freedom of the Borough status to the 3rd Battalion of The Mercian Regiment (Staffords).

Recommendations

That Freedom of the Borough status be re-affirmed to the 3rd Battalion The Mercian Regiment (Staffords) and that the Regiment be included on the Roll of Freemen.

Report detail

On 21st March 2007 a request was received from Brigadier J.K. Tanner, OBE., Colonel, The Staffordshire Regiment which set out the implications of the merger of the Staffordshire Regiment with its neighbours to become the Mercian Regiment.

The letter particularly sought approval for the continuation of the Regiment's association with Walsall by way of the Freedom granted to them in the past years. The letter went on to detail that the Staffords were to be merged with The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment and The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters to form The Mercian Regiment. In addition the new Regiment will incorporate the areas' Territorials drawn largely from the West Midlands Regiment. This new Regiment will be formed on 1st September 2007 at Tamworth.

Signed:

Interim Chief Executive:

Date: 22nd June 2007

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